

## **Gilbertsville CAS Session**

April 11, 2002

### ***1. What TVA related issues are of special concern to you?***

Recreation - keeping water levels at 359 for longer periods during the fall.

The water level needs to stay higher for a longer period of time—possibly from April 1 to the end of Oct. Our boat dock stays on dry land too long so that we can not benefit from it.

The water level should stay at summer pool from April 1 until the end of Oct. This will benefit every fishing related business in the area. With the water level not being brought to pool April 1, the fish are missing the chance to reach normal spawning grounds.

Why is so much money spent needlessly by changing office spaces when they had perfectly good buildings?

Why is the lake level so low?

Paducah is ready to put in their flood gates and TVA is dropping Kentucky Lake below Winter pool.

Summer pool should from April 1 through the end of Oct. This would greatly benefit tourism in the lakes area. At the present time TVA has been starting to bring the lake down by the middle of July. This is unacceptable. It would be nice if I could use my boat. At the present time, it is on my boatlift but you have the lake so low that I can't get it off--why? Could it be TVA's only concern is making hydropower? Also, why has a permit for a dock or anything else got so expensive? A few years ago, a permit was \$25--now it is \$200. Who is benefiting from this?

The pearl of western Kentucky is our lake. this past 10 days I have spent 6 of them fishing from a few to several hours. the talks I had about the lake level are uniform. people are upset with the low level because they have expensive boats they are worried about damaging, low water costing a poor fish spawn. at least 3 groups I spoke with said that they would not come back again because our reservoir varies sufficiently to restrict catches. living on the lake, I put my boat in on march 30 , and by April 3 I was unable to get the boat out, I was fortunate because my neighbor could get his boat out and he allowed me to use it. Please, please begin raising the level by March 20 and not lowering it till after Oct 10. Check your historic records to see if there is a actual need to not raise the level by then and lower it .

*THANK YOU*

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Lake levels

The dumping of water over the dam when the rivers are at flood stage when it could be used to generate power

Lake levels and why do you dump water when the river is flooded. Why are the lake levels taken down as early as July, I live at the end of a bay and the my dock is dry for 8 months out of the year. Why can't the lake levels stay at summer pool until September I know that mosquito control is needed but if the lake was taken down for one week it would kill the larve and then the lake could be brought back to summer level again. The lake level can be taken down at a rate of around 5 feet a day so why can't it wait until the fall rains start.

Navigation/environment/Avoid such land management as the miserable suggestion for theme PARKS, GOLF COURSE, HOTELS

Water level - They raise the water just before flood season and lower it in July when it is dry. We rarely have a wet fall. Water could be lowered as necessary to accommodate the occasional wet fall. Water should be left at summer pool through October. This constant raising and lowering of the water keeps the lake filthy, destroys fall recreation, hurts the natural environment and hurts water quality.

Lake levels should be left up until October 1st, July 1st is too early to start lowering lake levels. Water quality is affected by the constant up and down of water levels.

Lake level on Kentucky Lake

These comments are from a group of landowners in Jonathan Creek. The water levels are our biggest concern. We don't understand why these two lakes can't be held at least a foot higher year round. At least start the drawdown later than July 1. If the lakes were held higher longer, tourism wouldn't suffer nearly as bad. These lakes are dead after Labor Day mainly because there's no water. Outboard motor lower units are knocked off and boats are damaged. The town of Aurora has almost ceased to exist because no one wants to come to a lake with no water in it. Fish populations suffer because water stays out of the cover so long there's no protection for the fry.

Signed,

Rich Logsdon, Jim Millan, Bill Castlberry, J.T. Piercefield, Dale Ritter, and Tom Osthoff

Recreation: Keeping lake levels high until Nov / Dec. Many boaters have hit underwater obstacles due to the dropping of lake levels. Injuries have occurred as well. This must stop.

I want the lake to stay up for a longer amount of time but I'm also concerned about environmental issues. I would want the lake to stay up if it's possible to do without affecting more important needs.

We are in the recreational business and very concerned with the environment

Water level

Water quality

Non sedimentation of lakes

Downriver activities

The lake area water levels cause listed property value to decline because of limited deep water periods. Most people who pay the high prices for lake property prefer year around deep water.

If flood control is a major issue, why do we need to lower the lake level so early in the fall when the flood season isn't until spring? I do not think it is necessary to maintain the 5' swing in water level. I think with the control I have seen that flood control could be maintained with a 2.5 to 3 foot swing. This would benefit all parties and a more constant lake level could be maintained.

Reservoir levels, especially the early drawdowns & fluctuations during fish spawns.

Why the raising and lowering of the water so often? It should be raised from April 1st to at least the end of October 1st and leave it at summer pool, level 359. You have to manage the flood control, electricity, etc. but why can't we have enough water all summer into fall for recreation? The tourists are not coming anymore, people that live here cannot fish, the recreation is going to hell! The next meeting should be open to a more open discussion.

Please e-mail me at mansfiel@wk.net Thank you.

Level of the lakes are not appropriate for recreation. July 15th is too early to start lowering the level to the winter stage. Why can't the winter stage be more like 356 the up and down is not good on the 354 figure.

My concern with the lake is the water level needs to be maintained at a more consistent level. The summer pool and winter could be closer to the same, maybe 357 winter and 359 summer

Water fill and water draw down starting in July why not maintain lake level at summer pool level until Nov. also maintain spring pool steady for fish spawn. Why was lake dumped when Ohio river was at flood stage on April six? and level should be coming to summer pool . to drop eighteen inch out the lakes when the Ohio is high is not good flood control management

Recreation. We have come down from Indianapolis to find the Lakes down. And almost unsafe to run in the shallows.

Will the new dam at Olmsted III. be considered during this two year study? Will the change in River operations still give us enough water below the dams to navigate commercial vessels . The towing industry of Paducah request that the pools be raised a foot below Nickajack, Wilson and Pickwick pools for better Navigation and to allow more deeper drafted barges.

Recreation, particularly lake levels as concerns larger pleasurecraft. We'd like to see the lake levels remain at summer pool until November 1st. This should still allow for all other areas of TVA priorities to be met.

Low water levels

Water level of the lake during early and late summer. it seems to us that the water level could be maintained at summer pool from may 1 through Oct 1. I for one would like to avoid pushing my boat out of the mud in the middle of the holiday weekends of memorial day and labor day.

It is obvious from citizen input on the initial questionnaire that recreation is an important issue to the majority. I have been a regular user of lake facilities for over twenty years and have never understood why there is a need to start the lake draw down in September in order to control floods that typically occur in March and April. Many tourist dollars are lost locally because of the fear of costly damage to boats in the early fall.

Stop destroying the water front by extreme low and high water levels.

Recreation is priority; that is why we moved to this area a few years ago. However, raising and lowering the lake, Barkley & Kentucky when many of feel it is not necessary is frustrating. Flood control is very important, generation of electricity is very important, navigation, is very important. But let's have a balance so recreation can happen more than May, and June.

Stable waterlevels and or rising water level during the month of April and May. Also beneficial would be to have higher water levels during March. As the topic of these meeting is higher water during late summer and fall, although may appear to be beneficial to tourism, the long term effect of erosion and loss of shoreline habitat would hurt the ecology of the lake. Negative impact will also be seen in the fish populations.

Up and down of the water

Lake level special concern on draw down

To TVA important!

It is the purpose of this resolution to seek a more acceptable minimum lake Level for the winter months of October through March. That level would be 356 Feet above sea level.

The historical winter lake level established by the Corp. Of engineers and TVA is set at 354 feet above sea level. This is down a total of 5 vertical Feet from normal pool of 359 feet. This draw down begins in mid-summer. The Corp. Of engineers and TVA seem to disregard the dangerous condition This level creates. It renders approximately 75% of lake Barkley and a Lesser percent of KY so shallow it can not be navigated without placing Boat and occupants in peril. It has to make it a nightmare for the Commercial tow boats to travel to the winding river channel.

The only comment ever heard from officials at the Corp. Is, that their Concern is flood control and commercial navigation. It seems commercial Navigation is no very important, given the extremely low water level in the Winter. When you think about flood control how rational is it to lower the Lake level in early fall for a potential flood in April. The Corp and TVA Have illustrated their ability to drop and raise this lake over 1/2 ft. A Day. We are sure flood forecasting is accurate enough to give a 5 to 7 day Notice of any pending problem. Good forecasting could help minimize a high Volume draw down and control erosion below the dam;

The Corps. And TVA have ignored the impact this low level draw down has on The lake area economy. It shortens the tourism season for marinas and Resorts. It lowers the ambiance of lake side living when you boat dock is Rendered useless and your view becomes a mud flat. Property values could be increased. More people would want to live in this area. Business would prosper. Sportsmen could fish.

The water levels on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

Our land joins TVA in Grand Rivers, we live in Clyde Reed subdivision. We want to know what TVA's plans are for the land behind us. We don't want commercialism behind us. There is a danger of fire and burning everything we've got. If you are going to sell it we should be the first with the option of buying it so that we can take care of it and it will remain beautiful. We don't want a campground going up behind us or something of that nature that will depreciate the value of our land. It is our concern that open bidding should take place, we need more than just restaurants to make our town grow. I want it to be a family oriented vacation place.

My concerns are the ecology, flood control, electricity minus nuclear plants, water quality and the environment. I'm concerned about all of these things but I wonder if TVA truly is b/c of the amount of water that They inconsistently input raise and lower it is erratic.....lack of Flood control is the result. What we should look for is more precise flood Control. And by doing that they are stepping on the toes of everything I prev. Mentioned. When TVA was created we did not have the advantages of the Weather tech. That we have today. Be a true flood control, by maintaining A two foot water hi/low water stages on KY lake as opposed to 5-7 foot Actual high water low changes I've observed. With these hi levels of water

Change erosion is going to be higher b/c water in/out there is erosion. It's gotta be hard on the ecology, fish lay their eggs one day the next There is no water to get to them. (does TVA know how much silt is in the Bottom of the lake as a result of these water deflections that have taken Place over the years. Do they know how much silt is in the KY lake area. The thing is if it required a large deflection in the thirties hasn't Tech brought us to a point to manage the water more precisely. If this is Could be done then I don't see any negatives in the things they have listed Such as water supply, commercial navigation, recreational will be more consistent and

definitely the natural environment and aquatic habitat has Got to be better off with more consistent level of water. When the water Level fluctuates I cant see any benefits of extremely low water. This is What I consider true flood control. If we only get a sprinkle why prepare For a deluge? Use the technology that is at hand.

Water levels and flood control of the lower TN Valley

People in this region have based their lives on tourism. By leaving the lake levels up longer in the fall,

Tourism can be increased. It is necessary to our tourism businesses to extend their seasons as long as possible to maintain competitiveness with other regions. As tourism and recreation were not considered priorities at TVA's conception, we would like for TVA to rethink their plans to move tourism closer to the top of the list of priorities.

### **Flood Control**

Would like to see flood control not only for navigation and power supply, but also would benefit the ones that live on the lake...our dock sits on the ground 7-8 months out of the year.

This should be a top priority of TVA, but should be done along with other services provided by the lake and river control.

I wouldn't be affected, I wouldn't want some to suffer damage because of my preference

Keeping the lake level at summer pool until September would not be a problem with flood control in the spring it should be taken to summer pool in April

Why is level of water so high at Ohio River during April and keep Kentucky/Barkley at winter level? Why is water level after July so low; this time of year up to November it doesn't flood?

### **Navigation**

Why are navigation and recreation separate? Why can't we have both?

They enjoy the benefits but not much contributed toward river use.

Should be a low priority since it primarily benefits businesses more than the general public

Higher lake levels would help

Put baffles on the barges so water is not churned up behind them to the extent is is currently

### **Power Supply**

Who benefits from the power generated?

Good that it's free, but not most important to me.

This is also very important, but can and should be accomplished along with other services

Doing a great job. Thanks!

Thanks for the low electric rates, but do you have to bounce water levels so much so often?

### **Water Quality/Water Supply**

Very good quality. Thanks!

### **Recreation**

This service benefits many people and should also be a top priority. TVA should work hard to provide higher water levels for longer periods of time than now are done. Those of us with docks in shallow areas need more than 3 months out of the year to use those docks. From April through June is simply not enough time. Sept. and Oct are the best months for leisure boating, but there is not ample water levels. July and August are normally too hot. Please consider leaving the water levels to at least 359 elevation through October. This is not a selfless position since there are many land owners like me. Six of us came to this meeting together.

Very important! I would like to see some way that the lower limit 354.5 or so to at least a foot from Labor Day on through spring and summer.

Marshall County's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest industry (2400 jobs).

Drawdown on KY Lake is too fast

School schedules have changed to Fall Break in Oct going somewhere else due to low water on KY lake. We lose millions of business on and off water and suffer due to low water.

Encourage TVA to balance recreation and tourism industry with slower drawdown of water on KY Lake.

The Lake needs to be at Summer pool by April 1<sup>st</sup>!

We need to see summer pool levels for at least 6 months. We can't use our boat docks for 4 months out of the year.

On Lake Barkley, which is shallow, we would like to see summer pool water levels help thru summer and into the fall.

Need consistent water levels, i.e. summer pools starting in March-November. What's the holdup? Fish habitat suffers, general environment fluctuates too dramatically. Don't you need the tourism?

#### Land Use

We're at the end of a small bay and I use the winter months to clean it. I love all the 161 facilities and appreciate having them

Please do not allow commercial development at LBL

Army Corps does a good job on land use, i.e. prevention of stripping the land for a better "view". Protecting our resources is extremely important

## ***2. Why are these issues of special concern to you?***

Stabilize water levels at elevations closer to summer pool -359'

The lake levels ARE OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE FOR THE USE OF THE LAKES

As a delivery captain, overall navigation, both in the main channels and in the secondary channels, is of vital importance to me and to other boaters. I would like to see the lake levels of Barkley and Kentucky Lakes kept at a minimum of 358 until August and, if necessary, at a minimum of 357 until November 1st. I am blond (and female) but do not see why this would not be feasible. These are times of very little need for major flood control in our areas but are times of maximum recreational and commercial activities.

You haven't lived until you've entered a well marked secondary channel, are positioned in between the red and green buoys and are soundly aground!

I live on the lake

I own property on the lake and live with the frustration of a dry lake during late summer and fall.

This has a direct affect on the activities in this area, allowing for more tourism.

Local economic development related to tourism

Safety and growth, jobs, education, tourism.

Water quality

I live on the lake and play on the rivers

Because of property that is presently listed that will be affected by water levels.

The most beautiful time of the year for pleasure cruising is the fall when the leaves in LBL are turning and the days are still so very comfortable. Yet the danger of running over sandbars and stumps is vastly increased due to the lower lake level. I am a lake front owner and would appreciate TVA taking an active interest in the needs of the people and the area they work in.

We operate a marina & resort that is the 5th largest business in our community.

We have people visit from all states and over 20 different countries.

They help us employ and boost the local economy.

Recreation is the largest industry in this area.

Water levels are not maintained for a period of time a rain means the level is lowered

To help local buss. resorts

It seems that you should be able to dock your boat outside of your home in the spring. Stop drawing down the lakes.

Navigation

I am a marina operator heavily involved in the recreational industry.

Personal navigation

I live on the lake and have a dock at the bottom of the hill that is useless when the water level drops to 357 on lake Barkley.

They're destroying the land at the water's edge by the extreme high and low water level.

Recreation is why people retire to certain areas. If I wanted to hunt Polar bears, I would retire in Alaska. I am 54 and will be looking to retire in a few years. This area of the country is beautiful. My wife and I are glad we are here. Had we known the lake levels would vary so much from day to day, we probably would have moored somewhere else. As I have said, other areas such as flood control and electricity are important, but they are # 1 with you. Get a balance

If we don't have the fish, then we will lose a major part of the tourism.

Because they lower it so fast I feel that causes more erosion

Because I am in the marina business and it eliminates minimum 30 days of our short boating season

It hurts the tourism industry by having unfamiliar people running aground when the lakes are lowered prematurely causing tremendous cost to them, their boats and the reputation of our lakes area. People go away with a bad taste in their mouths. The problem could be alleviated by leaving the lakes at their summer pool, Sept. 15th through Sept. 21.

Fire, our own protection. It can be beautiful from the lake if it is taken care of. Depreciation of our land. Just because we are not business people we should be considered just the same.

I'm not a narrow minded recreational person. I know the necessity for Commercial navigation, I realize the concern for protection the natural Environment. As a young man, at the age of seven I swam in the St. Lawrence River and was able to see the bottom in six feet of water. That would have been in 1950. Through the fifties a lot of pollution and environmental destruction brought the river to a level of pollution concern. There were Bulletins stating that you could only eat two fish per month b/c of the Mercury level. That all occurred in about a twelve year span, then the Environmental people became vocal. The St. Lawrence river through the efforts of Corps of engineers and EPA have brought the river thirty years later as nearly as pristine as it was when I was seven. Man does not have to pollute they can use it enjoy it and preserve it.

Tourism is the second largest industry in our region. LBL is the number tourism destination in the state of KY. People in this region have based their lives on tourism. By leaving the lake levels up longer in the fall, tourism can be increased. It is necessary to our tourism businesses to extend their seasons as long as possible to maintain competitiveness with other regions. As tourism and recreation were not considered priorities at TVA's conception, we would like for TVA to rethink their plans to move tourism closer to the top of the list of priorities.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 31

### ***3. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?***

Holding summer pool water level elevation for longer periods in the fall of the year

Keeping the summer pool levels for a longer part of the season

Pay attention to the levels not and the people that live with them.  
Maintain pool stage in summer longer

Leave water higher during nine months of the year.

Be more in tune to the residents needs and concerns. Be more sensitive to how all of the agenda items relate to one another and the affect on the residents also.

By lengthening the time allocated for summer pool lake levels

Maintaining higher water levels and listening to the public.

Continue to manage shoreline properties with minimum environmental impact



Summer pool through labor day.

More higher management people involved instead of less qualified workers doing management's jobs.

Forums like this where public input is heard and evaluated is very important to the area and its people.

1. Start in April 1 the raise, and wait until November to draw down.

2. Only in extreme flooding draw down the lakes during fish spawning season.

Recreation affects, economic, year round navigation, and improved water quality.

Electricity can be produced efficiently with many sources.

There are 3 families here that own property on the lake and have docks that are impacted by the levels.

Be more concerned with recreation.

Maintain early and later pool levels

Stay more involved in local communities

Give a higher consideration to recreational interests, as these are the job creating interests in the tourism and service industries.

By being more aware of and sensitive to the local community.

It should be the servant of the people instead of the master.

Lake levels are important during flooding weeks, months. But when does it flood and what is considered flooding ? This area is so vast the level of water can be brought under control in virtually one day. If you can raise and lower levels 2-3feet per day, why do you need to lower the lake in July ? Mosquitoes ? How long do you need to keep the level low for mosquito control ? Today is April 11 and we are Winter pool. What is the concern ? Why can't you raise the lake to summer pool or close to summer pool now ? Is it because of potential flooding ? please refer to the above.

Be a little more liberal with flood control policies.

By leaving the water levels at a certain point

Winter draw down in august or September it would extend our season increase our employment and of course increase revenue and taxes without having any detrimental effect on their flood control program

Doing what they are doing now by keeping an open mind and taking in consideration the opinions and views of the people who live and work and hear the concerns of the people who visit this area.

With more consistent water levels, a mean level.

Host more public forums such as this community workshop.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 27

### ***3. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the TN River system?***

Changing its fall drawdown to start later in the fall and keeping the summer pool elevation up at 359' later in the fall

Keeping summer pools until the fall

Besides the higher lake levels for navigation outside the main channels, I believe that TVA needs to consider a more stable lake level after April 1<sup>st</sup> for fish spanning. By this I mean, keep the yoyoing up and down every day to a minimal amount and try to have a very slow and gradual increase. THE LEVELS SHOULD REMAIN AT SUMMER LEVEL FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

Better planning of the lake levels. Realize that "Mother Nature" does not always follow a schedule. We realize that Commercial navigation does, and accommodate ALL navigation needs.

Keeping the lakes at summer pool from April 15 - Oct. 15

I would like them to consider a longer summer up-time for lake levels if this is compatible with more important issues

Try to maintain water levels closer to summer pool without adversely effecting other considerations

They should consider the economic conditions of the areas effected

Draw down periods, and massive drawdowns.

The latter hurts the environment, navigation, water quality, recreation, economic growth, and electric supplies.

Maintain the summer pool level between 357 and 359 through September to accommodate recreation plus provide increased power to TVA. The higher the lake levels the greater the power TVA can generate. Power is a function of flow and head. The flow overall is the same but maintaining higher lake levels will permit greater power output. This higher lake levels can accommodate both TVA and recreation and commercial traffic.

The geographic concerns of the people in specific areas that are impacted. You ask then do nothing and we pay your salary.

Water level for a full season of recreation and flood control

Again, keeping the lake levels to summer pool until November 1st.

Why when the Ohio River is over flood stage do we keep pushing more water out than we are bringing in?

Keep lakes close to same level to stop erosion

Maintain water levels more consistently for recreation purposes and habitat. i.e. a longer period of "summer pool" Provide for flood relief if this is your main priority at the time of flooding since you have the capability to lower or raise the lake 2-3 feet daily. Peak electric consumption is in the hot summer months of June and July yet the lake level is consistent usually at 359 most of the time. The system is micromanaged too much.

Begin to let the reservoir rise to summer pool elevation in March, instead of April.

Keep the lake level raised until late in September.

Whatever they can do that benefits the largest number of people and their wishes according to the number of votes.

The technological resources to aide in compromise of all of the concerns of The system. Namely one through six from the community workshop description of public benefits.

An altered down down schedule for the lake levels.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 22

### ***5. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?***

Maintain recreational quality of life by keeping the lakes' levels up near summer pool for later in the fall

Lake levels

Recreation is one, I would also like to see a information brochure done on natural ways home owners can control insects in our yards and gardens without having insecticides going into the lakes.

Regarding drinking water, Quality is not a word that comes to mind. With current rain falls, flood control need to be monitored, but I do not believe an issue.

Increasing the length of time the lake level is at it maximum for recreation in order to allow for greater economic development

Maintaining environmentally responsible controls

The ability for area people to continue to make a comfortable living at what they are doing in addition to the opportunity for new industry and jobs.

Our areas largest economic impact is recreation, the current management practices drastically reduce our season, and turn off many of our first time guests.

Maintaining good water supply and environmental control.

Enforce the laws for dumping waste from barges and yachts and houseboats.

Navigation

As for quality of life, the lakes offer great opportunities for recreational activities and for economic growth via tourism and service industries, which creates job opportunities and increases the overall economic health of the region. Water quality must also be balanced into this equation.

Protecting the environment. Safe water supply.

Clean water to drink,

None

Extended employment for people working in the lake recreation business

Ours is a very small, Grand Rivers, poor community. And any type of expertise in city and town development are greatly appreciated.

Keeping it as beautiful and decent as possible. Keeping out all of the riff-raff.

We need to bring more interest to the area, that is tourism interests. This would increase the quality of those in tourism. This would create the domino effect. As businesses expand this would bring improved economic

Benefit to the area. We need a good administrator, someone with a vision to be able to sell the big picture. The area would benefit in cooperation with TVA a good social economic developer. We would not benefit from this if we don't have all of the entities of the lake.

**JOBS!** This region's economy depends on tourism and the recreation the lakes provide. We are seeing a lot of small businesses (such as lodging facilities) having a hard time keeping afloat. Many facilities are closing and becoming very run down. An extension of the season by keeping the lake levels up, could help create additional revenue to keep these businesses alive.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 20

## ***6. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?***

It's recreational use and value

Recreational activities, boating & fishing

We probably do not realize how fortunate we are in our undiscovered areas.

Recreation, the water we drink, the electric that we use every thing you folks provide me and my family.

Wildlife habitat that is created together with recreational opportunities

The electricity production and water supply, Recreation is becoming an increasing concern. We have a great system, let's use it better.

Enhancement of the environment and recreation

I'm prejudiced because I retired to this area from the Chicago area and I want to fish and enjoy myself for whatever time I have left to do so.

Water quality, wildlife and open spaces

Water activities - kayaking, fishing, boating

It's a beautiful recreation area that pulls a lot of tourism dollars to our area.

This is a prime retirement area and TVA should work to help keep the area strong and viable in today's environment. I retired here to fish and enjoy the rest of my life. The system has a high value in today's world and should be addressed each and every day.

The recreational aspects

Use of the water and controlling the water to benefit everyone instead of a special group such as commercial use.

Flood control and recreation.

As a marina operator, I value the recreational opportunities that the system offers.

We purchased our home on the lake to enjoy the solitude and recreation it affords us

Recreation and environmental protection.

Recreation associated to fishing

Recreation  
Electricity  
Water supply

The recreation value

The recreational opportunity that it affords us.

I love the water and beauty.

All of the above. The beauty of the area, the commercial shipping, the recreation, fish and wildlife, preservation of history .....I can't choose.

Our jobs! Tourism provides the food on our table. We love our lakes and beautiful region.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 25

## ***7. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?***

The reduced recreational value caused by the fall drawdown starting too early in the fall

Erosion and filling

The zebra mussels being brought in by the barges.

The amount of top soil eroding into the lakes.

The pesticides the home owners and farmers use going into the lakes, I would like to see a information brochure done on the natural ways to eliminate the pests without polluting the lakes

Water fluctuation

Lack of responsiveness to the needs of the communities most directly affected by TVA

Too little rain

Erosion

Industrial run-off

Uncontrolled growth, pollution and population

Sedimentation

Unwanted plants

Unwanted aquatic animal life - zebra mussels

Government influences that serves their agenda.

The economic condition of the area along the river system should be a strong indicator to TVA as to what is needed to keep the area healthy. The economy of the area should be of prime importance.

Water quality the current drastic drawdowns cause massive erosion of soil from the banks.

Economic impacted negatively by early draw downs, and fluctuations during fish spawns.

Over commercialization and loss of recreational use of the water. And terrorist control of the system.

Putting Recreation ahead of other issues.

Too much government intervention. There's a balance in juggling all of the public and private interests when dealing with the TN river system, and the area that poses the greatest threat is the over emphasis upon environmental concerns, such as the zealous protection of some obscure mussel that has very little impact on the overall ecological health of a particular stretch of river.

TVA greed

Over management. Political BS for the almighty dollar. Not following through on the thoughts of the meeting we attended tonight.

Yankees that come into the area and buy property or a marina and think that they are experts and about water level. The only thing they have on their mind is how can they make money quick and now with no thought about maintaining a long lasting resource (in the case of the marina owners). Property owners think that they since they bought a house on the lake, they should have a clear view and access to the adjacent TVA property between their house and the lake.

Threatened by lowering the water too fast

Politics

The lakes becoming old and the fishing population declining. That we really need to try and find ways to keep the lake from getting old.

Without a TVA master plan that will address all six issues.....competently I see deterioration. The eco system, recreation and tourism, shipping. So what are we left with flood control? I think we

need to address all of these issues. Also the desire for tourism and the preservation of history. Without TVA's cooperation I wonder if the desire of all of these other things will remain. I'm afraid it will get lost.

Failing economy could cause us to lose this region as a tourist destination thus causing many folks to move away due to lack of jobs.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 22

### ***8. What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?***

The times of the year that the lake elevation is at or near 359'

Not much

You do a great job on everything but the lake level issue

It needs to improve to meet the needs of the surrounding residents

I like the idea that they try to address everyone's needs and they also try to get input from everyone. I only hope that they put this input to practical use.

Meetings like this one and asking for input

We like the flood control offered and the areas that have longer periods of deep water available. Provides for optimum property value along with perks for tourism.

We have the best place in the world to live!

TVA is doing a very good job of level control for flood management during the spring. However, once the flood period passes, there is little need to reduce the level until October

It is time to get back to the drawing board and out of the 1940 error that it was started in years ago.

Emphasis upon flood control.

They do take a hard nosed attitude towards the rules and policies that they are mandated to enforce. I believe that is important to take this attitude in order to make everything work

Very little

I like inexpensive electric rates we now have. But I would pay more to have better recreation thought processes and I would pay more for the privilege to live here with a better managed system.

The current fall drawdown of July 5.

Doing a good job generating electricity and water

Overall they do a good job mainly in flood control and commercial navigation

It is done very professionally. All of the staff and management seem to be very professional in their job orientation and concerns.

I have no complaint with TVA whatsoever.

If in fact they are listening, I believe that is the beginning. Then, it can't go without saying that I am sure they have prevented countless catastrophes in the years of their existence.

hmmmmm....

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 21

**9. Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Electricity Production	4
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	3
3. Providing Recreation	3
4. Flood Control	7
5. Commercial Navigation	1
6. Water Supply	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 24

**10. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?**

Providing recreation ---I could not get the computer to accept my answer to the preceding question

Shoreline management

Nothing

Economic development, especially tourism in areas along the river/lake system

None

Consideration of the property owners investment in land that is affected by the actions of TVA.

Economic development in any particular region.

In flow of tourist dollars into the local community. Many businesses base their entire year around a very short "tourist season" that is oftentimes shortened by TVA's automatic lowering of the lake level at a predetermined date regardless of weather conditions or trends. It really seems rather childish to drop the lake level by two feet on April 8 and then start up toward summer pool on April 15. Why not just bring it on up and then hold it stable.

Recreation should be higher

None



Community development.

Control gates located as you go into the land between the lakes not three or four miles out.

I don't feel there is anything missing I just wish they did not have to cool nuclear turbines which makes the water too warm. There would be must less temp change with just a turbine generator.

Tourism, tourism, tourism.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**11. Which public benefit *SHOULD BE* the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	9
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	4
3. Flood Control	2
4. Electricity Production	0
5. Water Supply	1
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 19

**12. Which public benefit should be the *SECOND HIGHEST* mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	8
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	4
3. Providing Recreation	4
4. Electricity Production	1
5. Water Supply	1
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 20

**13. Which public benefit should be the *LOWEST* mgmt. priority?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	4
2. Electricity Production	4
3. Flood Control	2
4. Commercial Navigation	1
5. Providing Recreation	1
6. Water Supply	2

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 16

**14. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	8
2. Somewhat Unlikely	3
3. Very Likely	2
4. Neutral	1
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**15. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	5
2. Very Desirable	4
3. Neutral	3
4. Undesirable	2
5. Very Undesirable	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

**16. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	2
2. Somewhat Unlikely	3
3. Very Unlikely	3
4. Very Likely	0
5. Neutral	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 9

**17. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Undesirable	3
2. Neutral	5

3. Undesirable	4
4. Desirable	2
5. Very Desirable	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

**18. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	8
2. Very Likely	2
3. Somewhat Unlikely	3
4. Very Unlikely	1
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**19. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	9
2. Desirable	4
3. Very Undesirable	1
4. Neutral	0
5. Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**20. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	10
2. Somewhat Likely	4
3. Neutral	0
4. Somewhat Unlikely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**21. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	6
2. Very Desirable	3
3. Undesirable	3
4. Neutral	1
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

**22. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Clean Water	8
2. Economic Development	9
3. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	11
4. Water-based Recreation	11
5. Drinking Water Supply	7
6. Flood Control	8
7. Affordable Electricity	5
8. Shoreline Erosion Control	6
9. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	5
10. Planning for Future Growth	4
11. Dam Safety	2
12. Campgrounds and Green Space	2
13. Scenic Beauty	3
14. Environmental Research	1
15. Shoreland Development	3
16. Protection of Historical Artifacts	1
17. Public Land Conservation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 18

**23. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Environmental Research	11
2. Protection of Historical Artifacts	9
3. Planning for Future Growth	7
4. Shoreland Development	5
5. Economic Development	5
6. Affordable Electricity	5
7. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	5
8. Campgrounds and Green Space	5

9. Public Land Conservation	5
10. Flood Control	2
11. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	2
12. Scenic Beauty	3
13. Clean Water	1
14. Dam Safety	3
15. Drinking Water Supply	4
16. Shoreline Erosion Control	2
17. Water-based Recreation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

**24. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.**

Livingston

McCracken and Lyon

Lyon

Trigg

Marshall

Marshall

Marshall

Live in Marshall, work in Livingston

McCracken

Marshall

Trigg

Livingston

Lyon

Trigg county

Calloway

Lyon County

McCracken

Livingston

Livingston

Marshall County KY

St. Lawrence County KY

Marshall

Marshall

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 18

**25. Please list your ZIP CODE(S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)**

42044  
42044  
42044  
42045  
42001  
42038  
42211  
42044  
42048  
42025  
42029 and 42045  
42001  
42025  
42211  
42055  
42055  
42038  
42038  
42045  
42038  
42211  
42020  
  
42038  
  
42001

42045  
42045

MARSHALL COUNTY KY 42025  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NY 13652

42025  
42025

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 17

**26. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?**

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Kentucky	17
2. Alabama	0

3. Georgia	0
4. Mississippi	0
5. North Carolina	0
6. Tennessee	0
7. Virginia	0
8. Other	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 17

***27. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?***

True: 64.3%

False: 35.7%

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 18